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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO'S  
DECEMBER 3 VISIT TO BONN OBTAINED BY EMBOFFS FROM MFA  
DIRECTOR OF WEST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND FROM GERMAN EMBOFF.

2. ACCORDING MFA OFFICIAL, PRIME MINISTER LOPEZ-RODO ACHIEVED  
HIS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IN DECEMBER 3 VISIT TO BONN IN OBTAINING  
FRG ASSURANCES THAT NO SPANISH WORKERS NOW IN GERMANY WOULD  
BE LAID OFF BEFORE NORMAL EXPIRATION DATE OF THEIR EXISTING  
LABOR CONTRACTS. MFA OFFICIAL FELT THAT, ALTHOUGH THE GERMAN  
BAN AGAINST CONTRACTING ADDITIONAL LABOR OUTSIDE OF EC  
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE, THIS ASSURANCE WAS A SIGNIFICANT  
CONCESSION BY FRG IN THAT EVEN GERMAN WORKERS IN SOME CASES  
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WILL BE SUBJECT TO LAY-OFF BEFORE THEIR SPANISH COUNTERPARTS.

ACCORDING FRG EMBOFF, SCHEEL REFUSED LOPEZ RODO'S REQUEST THAT SPANISH WORKERS BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR RECRUITING BUT HE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT SPANISH WORKERS WOULD BE TREATED NO WORSE THAN OTHER FOREIGN WORKERS.

2. GOS OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT LOPEZ RODO HAD EXPLAINED AT LENGTH TO SCHEEL SPAIN'S ENTITLEMENT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. HE SAID THAT LOPEZ RODO HAD NOT EXPLICITLY ASKED FOR FRG SUPPORT NOR DID SPAIN FEEL SUCH REQUEST WAS NECESSARY, IN VIEW OF CONSISTENT FRG SUPPORT FOR OTHER SPANISH EFFORTS TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH EC AND WITH NATO. ACCORDING TO THE FRG EMBOFF, HOWEVER, LOPEZ RODO TOLD SCHEEL THAT SPAIN CONSIDERED ITS EXCLUSION FROM THE DECLARATIONS ELABORATED BY NATO AND THE EC AS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SPAIN AND HE ASKED THAT THE FRG HELP TO PERSUADE OTHER SIGNATORIES THAT SPAIN SHOULD SIGN THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY. HE NOTED THAT THE SPANISH HAD RECEIVED A DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED ATLANTIC DECLARATION FROM THE U.S. ON SEPTEMBER 5 AND THAT LOPEZ RODO HAD TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 4 THAT SPAIN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAFT AND WAS WILLING TO SUBSCRIBE TO IT BUT ONLY ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY. SCHEEL REPLIED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET AGREEMENT AMONG THE EC 9 AND STILL MORE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION BEYOND NATO. HOWEVER, ONCE SPAIN BECAME A MEMBER OF THE EC, IT COULD JOIN IN THE DECLARATION.

3. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBOFF, LOPEZ RODO TOLD SCHEEL THAT FRENCH POSITION WAS CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR SPAIN ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THOUGH ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS FAVORED THE SPANISH PROPOSAL. SCHEEL SAID THAT THE FRG POSITION WAS NOT UNFRIENDLY WITH REGARD TO AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS. ACCORDING TO MADRID CORRESPONDENT OF DIE WELT, LOPEZ RODO SOUGHT AND RECEIVED PLEDGE OF GERMAN SUPPORT FOR SPAIN'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE NEW ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH EC BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1974, DEADLINE, AND FOR THE SPANISH PROPOSAL TO HAVE EC CONSIDER IT AS SEPARATE EUROPEAN ENTITY RATHER THAN LUMPING IT TOGETHER WITH MEDITERRANEAN-AFRICAN GROUP IN ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS. DAY AFTER CONCLUSION OF

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LOPEZ RODO - SCHEEL TALKS, SPANISH PRESS REPORTED THAT FRG REPRESENTATIVE AT EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT BRUSSELS HAD VOICED REGRET THERE WOULD BE NO NEW EC-SPANISH AGREEMENT BEFORE DEADLINE. PRESS ARTICLE QUOTED "RELIABLE SOURCES" TO EFFECT THAT FRG REPRESENTATIVE AT BRUSSELS HAD SAID EC WAS ENTIRELY TO BLAME FOR PRESENT NEGOTIATING IMPASSE AND SHOULD THEREFORE GRANT SPAIN MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS IN EXTENDING AGREEMENT BEYOND END OF YEAR.

4. ACCORDING FRG EMBOFF, LOPEZ RODO REPEATED TO SCHEEL THE SPANISH ARGUMENTS ON THE GIBRALTAR ISSUE. HE STATED THAT THE ISSUE INVOLVED A VIOLATION OF TERRITORY, REGARDING WHICH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION WAS NOT APPLICABLE, AND HE ASKED THAT THE FRG SUPPORT THE SPANISH POSITION IN THE U.N. ON THE MATTER. SCHEEL REPLIED THAT THE FRG NEEDED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UK AS IT DID WITH SPAIN. SPANISH PRESS HIGHLIGHTED FACT THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN SERIES OF FRG-GOS FOREIGN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED GIBRALTAR. LOPEZ RODO QUOTED HERE IN PRESS AS STATING FRG HAD SHOWN "FULL UNDERSTANDING" OF SPANISH ATTITUDE ON GIBRALTAR, "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OF NATO IN VIEW OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ROCK."

5. PRESS REPORTS TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN MADRID IN 1974.  
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